

The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

26 February 1986

The Vice President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Vice President:

I have asked Bill Casey to deliver the enclosed letter to the President at his convenience. I am anxious that you not get sandbagged when this news hits; hence, I am giving you this advance tip.

Needless to say, this is not a decision that I rushed into, but I do believe it is time for a change. While I have nothing in mind, I am convinced it is time to move on.

I want to thank you for all your support and encouragement and wish you the greatest success in the future.

Respectfully yours,

John N. McMahon

Enclosure

The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

24 February 1986

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

With over 34 years in intelligence, I have reached a stage where I should move on. I have talked with Bill Casey about my desire to leave the Agency at the end of March. I do that with the satisfaction and confidence that U.S. intelligence has never been better thanks to the resources you have placed into our intelligence effort and the strong support you have given our intelligence programs. You have also given our intelligence a unique asset in the appointment of Bill Casey as DCI. He has brought wisdom, energy, and leadership to our activities that has provided our country with an intelligence capability second to none.

While I must admit that I do not leave the intelligence world without mixed emotions, it is gratifying to leave it on a high and in such good hands. I request that I be relieved from my appointment on 29 March 1986. It has been a pleasure and a rewarding experience to serve you and my country.

With best wishes for continued success.

Respectfully yours,

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